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70TH AND KINGSESSIN TRAILER EMERGENCY RESPONSE

PHILADELPHIA, PHILA. COUNTY, PA.

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SITUATION (1800 HRS. FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 1991)

A. AT APPROXIMATELY 1515 HOURS THE EPA REGION III RRC CENTER WAS NOTIFIED OF AN ABANDONED TRAILER WHICH APPEARED TO BE EMITTING UNKNOWN FUMES. THE INITIAL CALL TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES WAS MADE BY AN UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE WHO WAS WORKING IN THE AREA.

B. UPON ARRIVAL, THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZ-MAT TEAM (PFDHMT) OBSERVED AN OPEN TRAILER WHICH CONTAINED 20-30 FIBER AND METAL 55 GALLON DRUMS. ALTHOUGH THE PFDHMT DID NOT DETECT ANY READINGS ABOVE BACKGROUND ON THEIR COMBUSTIBLE GAS INDICATOR, THEY REQUESTED EPA ASSISTANCE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

A. AT 1545 HOURS, TAT ARRIVED ONSCENE AND WAS UPDATED ON SITE CONDITIONS BY INCIDENT COMMANDER D.C. ROSINI. PFDHMT HAD MADE A LEVEL "B" ENTRY AND HAD PERFORMED AIR MONITORING AND A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. TWO PRODUCT NAMES WERE DOCUMENTED; "EMULPHOR" AND "GARNETZ" WHICH TAT RAN A COMPUTER CHECK ON BUT WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN MSDS SHEETS. OTHER MATERIALS FOUND CONSISTED OF PAINT AND DYE SOLVENTS.

B. AT 1600 HRS., EPA OSC/S CARON, MATLOCK, AND OWENS ARRIVED ONSCENE AND MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PFD, L&I, AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE UNIT. AN ASSESSMENT WAS PERFORMED, THE TRAILER WAS ONE OF FOUR PARKED IN THE CORNER OF A LOT. OSC CARON REQUESTED PFD TO OPEN THE OTHER THREE TRAILERS FOR INVESTIGATION PURPOSES.

C. AT 1620 HRS. ALL FOUR TRAILERS WERE HAD BEEN OPENED; ONE TRAILER WAS EMPTY, ONE CONTAINED INSULATION, AND TAT MADE LEVEL "B" ENTRIES INTO THE OTHER TWO WHICH WERE SUSPECTED TO CONTAIN HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

. THE TRAILER WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED BY THE AFD CONTAINED 20-30 DRUMS OF PAINT EPOXY, SYNTHETIC DETERGENT, ACRYLICS, AND OTHER MATERIALS COMMONLY USED IN PAINTS AND DYES. NO READINGS ABOVE BACKGROUND WERE DETECTED ON THE HNU (11.7 PROBE), OVA, OR EXPLOSIMETER. ONE DRUM WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY LEAKED BUT THE CONTENTS HAD SOLIDIFIED.

E. THE SECOND TRAILER CONTAINED SEVERAL FIVE GALLON BUCKETS OF PAINT, TRASH, AND OTHER PAINT PRODUCTS. READINGS OF 50-60 PPM ON THE HNU (11.7 PROBE) AND 100 PPM ON THE OVA WERE DETECTED IN THE AREA AT THE REAR DOORS OF THE TRAILER INITIALLY BUT THESE READINGS DECREASED OVER TIME.

F. OSC CARON AGREED TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO EPA OCI AND REMOVAL ENFORCEMENT SECTION FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. MR. JOHN COOPER, L&I ALSO AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE TRAILERS OWNERSHIP.

G. MR. MALCOLM TINSLEY APPROACHED OSC OWENS AND AGREED TO POSSIBLY PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE OTHER TRAILERS LOCATED ON THE LOT. MR. TINSLEY HAS HAD PREVIOUS BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LOT.

H. THE TRAILERS WERE SECURED WITH BANNER GUARD. L+I AGREED TO PROVIDE POLICE SECURITY UNTIL THE TRAILERS COULD BE LOCKED.

FUTURE PLANS:

A. EPA REMOVAL SECTION TO FORWARD INFORMATION TO EPA REMOVAL ENFORCEMENT SECTION AND EPA OCI.

B. L&I TO INVESTIGATE OWNERSHIP OF TRAILERS.

C. SECURITY TO REMAIN UNTIL TRAILERS CAN BE PADLOCKED.

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